

RESPONSE AND RESTRICTION

Restriction. The Office Action dated October 10, 2006 asserts the existence of nine inventions:

- I. Claims 10, 12, 14, 33-34, drawn to a polypeptide comprising sequence Ser-Phe-Arg-Trp, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- II. Claims 10, 12, 14 drawn to a polypeptide comprising the sequence Ser-Phe-Arg-Nal, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- III. Claims 10, 12, 14, drawn to a polypeptide comprising the sequence ala-phe-arg, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- IV. Claims 10, 12, 14, drawn to a polypeptide comprising the sequence Thr-Phe-Arg-Trp, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- V. Claims 10, 12, 14, drawn to a polypeptide comprising the sequence Ser-Nal-Arg-Trp, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- VI. Claims 10, 12, 14 drawn to a polypeptide comprising the sequence Ala-Nal-Arg-Trp, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- VII. Claims 15-22, drawn to a melaocotrin receptor specific linear peptide, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.
- VIII. Claims 23-28, drawn to a cyclic peptide, classified in class 514, subclass 9.
- IX. Claims 29-32, drawn to a method of stimulating sexual response in a mammal, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.

Election of Invention. Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 10, 12, 14, 33-34.

Election of Species. Applicants elect the species of claim 33, 7'-amino-heptanoyl-Ser(Bzl)-D-Phe(4-Cl)-Arg-Trp-NH₂.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the

undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 50-3582.

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